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## POLICY ON IMMIGRATION AND BREXIT

The government published a [White Paper](#) in June describing a vision for the future relationship between the UK and EU. The document gives some more detail on the future of immigration from the EU. You can find more detail analysis and a commentary on the Free Movement website [here](#).

## ARE YOU AN EU-CITIZEN LIVING IN THE UK?

If you want to continue to live and work or study in the UK after 'Brexit Day' on **29 March 2019**, you will need to register under the government's new 'Settlement Scheme'.

Essentially, any EU national who lives in the UK now or who arrives before the end of the transition/implementation period, **31st December 2020**, will have to apply for pre-settled or settled status. The EU Settlement Scheme will be open to applications until **30 June 2021**, and, by the **1 July 2021**, registration for the new status will become mandatory.

The EU Settlement Scheme will allow you and your family to continue to live and work in the UK. It will mean you are eligible for public services which include healthcare and schools, public funds and pensions. You will also be able to apply for British citizenship if you want to and if you meet the requirements. Applications for the new settlement scheme will be on-line. The government have not yet set the start date for applications. More analysis and discussion [here](#).

Alternatively, you can apply for a UK residence card now and then convert it to the new status later at no extra cost under the EU Settlement Scheme. Find out more [here](#).

## KNOW YOUR DIGITAL RIGHTS

Do you know your benefits under the Digital Single Market? You have benefits from the end of roaming charges to access to TV programmes, sports matches, films and music while travelling in the EU. More digital barriers will be broken down in the coming months with, for example, the end of geoblocking (no more discrimination when buying festival tickets, clothes or renting a car online). All this comes with strong personal data and consumer protection. More details on these benefits [here](#).

## EMPLOYER TOOLKIT

With Brexit Day approaching, businesses are considering the impact of Brexit for them. In addition, the retention of employees, including those from the EU, is essential to the economic growth in our region. The government published an 'Employer Toolkit' in June to help employers plan for a smooth transition period.

The Employer Toolkit aims to equip employers with the right tools and information to support EU citizens and their families through the EU Settlement Scheme. Resources to help employers with a practical communications plan include links, key information, videos, leaflets and posters. The current information packs can be found on the GOV.UK website [here](#).